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FROM USREP ICAO

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SUBJ: ICAO - ASSEMBLY AGENDA - US PROPOSALS

1. C-OB 81/4 ITEM 3. (CWP-5904). COUNCIL ACCEPTED SECOND US ITEM AFTER NEGATIVE DISCUSSION, OPPOSITION, DISSENSION, AND ALMOST NO SUPPORT ("RELATIONSHIP OF ICAO TO REGIONAL AVIATION ORGANIZATIONS"). WILL DECIDE WHICH COMMISSION AGENDA WHEN DRAFT ASSEMBLY PAPER COMES TO COUNCIL.

2. INDONESIA SUPPORTED US PROPOSAL, TO SURPRISE OF ALL (INCLUDING US). FYI: USREP HAD LENGTHY DISCUSSIONS WITH INDOREP MORNING MAR 4 (REPORTED SEPTTEL.) RE THIS ITEM, HE HAD DESCRIBED IT AS BEING "AGAINST DEVELOPING COUNTRIES." USREP POINTED OUT THAT (A) ECAC WAS GETTING THE BEST OF THE PRESENT ARRANGEMENT AND (B) CLAAC SUPPORT SHOULD DOUBTLESS BE CONSIDERED IN ANY NEW RESOLUTION AND/OR ARRANGEMENT. THIS MAY HAVE INFLUENCED HIS POSITION, IN ADDITION TO FACT THAT INDONESIA IS NOT MEMBER ANY REGIONAL ORGANIZATION. END FYI.

3. OPPOSITION/CONCERN CAME FROM SENEGAL, UGANDA, NIGERIA, ARGENTINA, COLOMBIA, BRAZIL, NICARAGUA, LEBANON, TUNISIA, UK, BELGIUM, ETC. BELGIUM QUESTIONED FINANCIAL REVIEW. SENEGAL

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SAID ITEM HINGED ON QUESTION OF OBSERVER STATUS IN ORGANIZATIONS.

LA BLOC POINTED OUT NEW CLAAC NOT INCLUDED AND RESERVED POSITIONS ON SUBSTANCE OF ITEM PARTICULARLY FINANCIAL. UK SUGGESTED THAT COUNCIL DECISION ON WHICH COMMISSION AGENDA TO PUT IT IN BE POSTPONED UNTIL DRAFT ASSEMBLY WORKING PAPER CAME BACK TO COUNCIL. UGANDA SEIZED ON THIS TO OBSERVE THAT US ITEM "DOESN'T HOLD WATER" (AND HE MUST OPPOSE). TUNISIA PROPOSED THAT COUNCIL POSTPONE ANY DECISION UNTIL US PROVIDED MORE INFORMATION ABOUT WHAT THEY HAD IN MIND.

4. FOLLOWING US/TUNISIA DISCUSSIONS DURING BREAK AND US REBUTTED STATEMENT, TUNISIA WITHDREW PROPOSAL, UGANDA WITHDREW OPPOSITION AND ITEM ADDED BY CONSENSUS.

5. FYI: ALSO DURING BREAK, UKREP ATTACKED USREP WITH OUTBURST ASKING WHY US WAS PERSISTING IN PUSHING ITEM, ACCUSING US OF JEOPARDIZING OUTCOME ON SENEGAL PROPOSAL AND STATING THAT NO ONE RPT NO ONE ON COUNCIL EXCEPT US WANTED THIS ITEM ON, WHEREAS AT LEAST 12-13 MEMBERS WANTED SENEGAL ITEM, ETC. US POSITION PREVAILED. ANY INFLUENCE ON OTHER ITEMS REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

6. IN LONGER VIEW, HOWEVER, USREP REITERATES THAT OPPOSITION/ CONCERN SHOULD COME FROM ALL QUARTERS DURING ASSEMBLY RE THIS ITEM. US POSITION WILL BE LEAST TROUBLESOME IF PREPARED ALONG POSITIVE LINE OF UNIFORM TREATMENT, AND REITERATION OF PRINCIPLE OF ICAO SUPPORT FOR REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, ETC. IN THIS CONNECTION STATE 242063 SEEMS EXCELLENT APPROACH. END FYI.
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